Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute	e for form 1449A/PTO			Complete if Known		
				Application Number	10/551,124	
	NFORMATION DISC	LOS	URE	Filing Date	9/26/2005	
	STATEMENT BY API	PLIC	ANT	First Named Inventor	Toru INOUE	
l				Art Unit	1788	
l	(use as many sheets as ne	cessa	ry)	Examiner Name	Chang	
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	1089.45436X00	

				U.S. PATENT D	OCUMENTS	
Examiner Initials'	Cite No.1	Document Number Number-Kind Code ² (if known)		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
/V.C./		US- 6,145,617		11-14-2000	Alts	3-3-4,
,		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner Initials'	Cite No.1	Foreign Patent Document Country Code ³ -Number ⁴ -Kind Code ⁵ (# known) JP 2000-516175A	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY 12-5-2000	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document Alts	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁰		
/V.C./		CN 1235578A	11-17-1999	Alts				
	,							

Examiner Signature	/Victor Chang/	Date Considered	05/12/2011

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609, Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered, Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant, 1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional), 2 See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. 3 Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 4 For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 5 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST, 16 if possible, 6 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application, Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS, SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.